



**DATE:** January 8, 2014

**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Michelle Davis, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** DRAFT STATEMENT OF BOARD ON POSSIBLE 2014 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

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**Background and Summary:**

Washington State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The policy calls for the creation of a Board policy statement that guides staff activities and individual Board members as issues arise during session.

At our November meeting, I provided members with a copy of the “Statement of Policy on Possible 2013 Legislative Issues” and asked for suggestions for the 2014 statement. Since then, staff and I have drafted a 2014 statement based on your feedback, legislative meetings that we monitored during interim assembly, and information about possible legislative requests that our partners may submit.

The draft 2014 statement of possible legislative issues is located under tab 8, for your consideration and possible adoption at today’s meetings. If adopted by the Board, the “Statement of Policy on Possible 2014 Legislative Issues” will provide staff guidance for the legislative session that will convene on January 14.

**Recommended Board Action:**

The Board may wish to consider the following motion:

*The Board adopts the Statement of Policy on Possible 2014 Legislative Issues as submitted on January 8, 2014.*